Guest Traveler

Orbitz for Business (OFB) wants to inform you about the Guest Traveler enhancement.

GUEST TRAVELER ENHANCEMENT

Overview

The Guest Traveler enhancement allows travel arrangers to invite people outside Northwestern University to use the NU site on Orbitz for Business to search and book travel. You can use this enhancement for interviewees, guest speakers or other people you want to arrange travel for.

NU has established two unique groups within OFB for these guests: NU Paid and Self Paid. The group that a guest is registered to determines the billing option.

Guest travelers provide advantages over free-form travelers:

> Travel arrangers invite guests and define:
  > User groups
  > Travel products they can book (air, hotel, car and rail)
  > Expiration date for access to OFB
> The travel arranger who invited the guest receives notification of all guest bookings and cancellations.

Guest travelers benefit by:

> Managing their own bookings on OFB
> Using their own e-mail address and setting their own password
> Logging their own date of birth and gender
> Creating their own profile with loyalty program numbers (based on the travel they have access to), additional e-mail contacts and all other information that goes in to a traveler’s profile
> Calling the OFB support numbers or using chat
> Receiving care alerts

Invite Guest Travelers

The first part of the process is to invite the guests to OFB.

Travel Arranger permission

Everyone who will invite guests, like recruiters, meeting planners, etc., needs to be a Travel Arranger. In addition, there is a new permission setting that allows travel arrangers to invite guests.

To configure these settings for your OFB account, contact Jeff Levin, Manager of Travel Services, at jhlevin@northwestern.edu or 847-491-5993.

After the right permissions are enabled, the travel arranger can begin inviting guests.
Inviting guests

Travel arrangers can invite up to 10 guests online at one time. The information, like travel products and expiration date, apply to all guests invited at one time. If you need to invite more, then repeat this process for every group of 10.

To invite a guest:

1. In the Travel Arranger section on the home page, click the Guest travelers link.

2. On the Guest traveler page, click the Invite new guest travelers link.

3. On the Invite guest page, enter the guest's first and last name and e-mail address.

4. **Note:** Each e-mail address must be unique in OFB for data integrity and fraud prevention.

5. If you want to invite more guests, click the Add another guest link for each guest up to 10.
6. If you want to add a reason for inviting these guests, such as “Academic conference,” enter it in the Reason for guest travel box.

7. This reason appears on the Guest traveler page next to each guest.

8. You should assign the guests to a group. Select the group from the drop-down list.

9. Select each travel product the guests can book.

10. If you want additional people to receive notification of guests’ bookings, add the e-mail addresses in the Additional e-mail contacts box.

11. Note: Guests won’t be able to remove these addresses when they book travel.

12. Click the End date box and select the last day the guest can access OFB in the popup calendar.

13. If you want to enter a message to all the guests, enter it in the Add a message box.

14. This message is included in the e-mail that all the guests receive. If you want to enter a link to a web page, enter the entire URL (for example, http://www.orbitz.com/).

15. If you want to see a preview before the e-mail is sent, click the Preview link.
The invitations are sent. You receive a copy of every invitation. As soon as guests register, they can begin booking travel.

Customize Trip Reference Fields for Guest Travelers

Travel arrangers should add values to individual guest travelers’ trip reference fields when they invite, edit or re-enable guests. By entering the NU Chart String information in advance, your guests won’t have to provide it when booking.

After guests are invited, edited or re-enabled, a link appears to the new Customize guest trip reference fields page where travel arrangers can add trip reference field values.

The next page lists the trip reference fields for each guest. The Travel Arranger enters the appropriate values for the guest booking.

After the first guest, there will be an Apply these values to all guests below link to add the values just entered for the first guest to all remaining guests. The arranger can still edit these values on a per guest basis.

To customize trip reference field values for each guest:

1. Invite, edit or re-enable guest travelers.
2. Click the Customize trip reference field link in the success message.
3. On the *Customize guest trip reference fields* page, enter the trip reference field values for the guest.

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4. If there is more than one guest, click the **Apply these values to all guests below** link to enter the same trip reference field values for all guests.

5. Click **Update**.

**Guests on OFB**

**E-mail invitation**

The guest receives an e-mail invitation with information about the travel arranger who sent the invitation, a link to register and access OFB, and the customized message, if any.

**Guest registers**

The guest must register on OFB before booking travel. The registration process is similar to the one used by employees.

To register as a guest:

1. The guest clicks the link in the invitation e-mail.
2. On the **Sign in** page, the guest clicks the **Register** link.
3. On the **Member registration** page, the guest checks that their name matches their government-issued ID (necessary for airport security check-ins).
4. The guest sets their own password.
5. The guest enters their zip code and home airport (to set search defaults).
6. The guest reads and agrees to OFB’s Terms and conditions.
7. The guest clicks **Agree and continue**.
8. On the Thank you page, the guest clicks Continue.

The guest can now start booking travel.

**Guest searches for and books travel**

Guests experience the same benefits when they book travel as all other employees:

- Ease-to-use OFB interface
- University messages
- Preferred travel providers and Negotiated rates
- OFB care alerts
- Customer service contact phone number and Live Chat
- E-mail confirmations of bookings sent to the guest, the travel arranger and other e-mails entered on the Invite guest page
- Optional integration of their travel with TripIt (if they have a TripIt account)

On the My Trips page and in confirmation e-mail, the guest sees links to book only the travel products that the guest is allowed to book.
Managing Guest Travelers

Travel notification

When a guest books or cancels travel, the guest's travel arranger, along with any additional e-mail contacts entered on the invite guest page, receives a notification e-mail.

In addition, travel arrangers can:

> Locate their guest travelers (via Traveler Locator report and their Traveler List)
> View and modify active bookings (via Traveler Locator report or opening the guest traveler’s My Trips)
> Access canceled and past trips (via guest traveler’s My Trips)

Traveler locator report with a guest traveler

Editing guests

The Travel Arranger can:

> Change or remove access to travel products or to the site itself on the Edit guest page
> Invite guests back by re-establishing access for a new time period on the Re-enable guest page. Guests receive a new invitation e-mail if they have been invited back.

To edit a guest’s access:

1. On the Guest traveler list page, click the Edit guest link next to the guest you want to edit.
2. On the Edit guest page, make your changes.
3. Click **Continue** to apply your changes.

Invitations are not sent after you edit guests.

To re-enable a guest’s access:

1. On the **Guest traveler list** page, select the box next to the guest(s) you want to invite back and click the **Re-enable selected** button.
2. On the **Re-enable guest** page, enter the new expiration date for the guest and any other changes.
3. Click **Continue**.
New invitations are sent. You receive a copy of all invitations.

![Email Invitation](image)

If the guests have already registered, they do not need to register again to begin booking travel.